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The Appomattox Story

Another April 9th has passed, marking the 84th anniversary of the historic events at Old Appomattox Court House of that date in 1865.

Gradually the word "Surrender" is being discarded to denote what happened here, and the word peace is being substituted.

That is as it should be. We urge that all who hear our voice use the term "Appomattox Peace Grounds" instead of "Appomattox Surrender Grounds."

A war-torn world should not be permitted to forget, ever, that it is possible to make a peace that will stick. It was done here at Appomattox.

It is not enough to explain away the fact that the peace made here was permanent because the South was too weakened to ever renew the struggle. It is not enough because many defeated participants in a war have been even more weakened, yet have arisen from the bed of agony to fight again. Europe abounds with examples of this truth. No, it was not the weakness of the South which has prevented another bitter war. We believe that the terms given here by Grant, the lofty idealism of Lincoln, and a final realization that the interests of the peoples on the North American continent were common, built up the determination to grasp the opportunities of the twentieth century under one flag. The truth of the doctrine that in union there is strength is all too self-evident. We have had our differences since April 9, 1865, and still have them. But we have and we will resovle them as one nation.

That is the lesson of Appomattox. Would that war-weary Europe might learn "The Lesson of Appomattox!" And there are evidences that just that is taking place.

Seldom has a community so small in size had a message so great in importance for so many.

Let us prepare at once to use the occasion of the 85th anniversary of "The Appomattox Peace" to tell that message with all the skill at our command!

That will be: The Appomattox Story. The world awaits it. We will be serving mankind, yes, generations yet unborn, if we point the way to lasting world peace!

THE AMENDMENT

When Democratic voters go to the polls on August 2nd, in addition to voting on candidates for Governor and Lieutenant - Governor, they will be asked to vote yes or no on a proposed amendment to the State Constitution.

As happens all too frequently in such cases, although the wording on the ballot may be simple enough, the proposed amendment itself is so complicated that most of us will venture in and out of the ballot box with considerable uncertainty.

The proposed amendment has to do with determining eligibility for voting.

It would do away with the poll tax as a prerequisite for voting, although it would be keep for other purposes. But what it would put in place of the poll tax as a prerequisite seems, to us, too unwieldy and complicated to have merit. It calls for a complicated and vague system of annual registration, and it leaves very uncertain just who can vote. Many experts lean to the view that the amendment would end up with fewer eligible voters than we have now.

There can be little doubt that if the people of Virginia were presented with a clear-cut question of repealing the poll tax, they would vote for repeal. It does not appear that they are being presented that clear-cut question.

Most of us will prefer to make a more careful study of this item to be on the ballot before forming a final opinion. At the moment, it would appear that wisdom would dictate a vote against it.

LETTER TO EDITOR OF PRAVDA
(Milwaukee Journal)

The other day a young gentleman who is currently in the throes of getting a grammar school education dropped into our office to seek subsidy for a Saturday afternoon movie.

While we were busy on the phone he picked up an uninviting volume entitled "Curren Digest of the Soviet Press." Paging through it, he suddenly stopped, his face brightened. As we hung up, we looked over his shoulder to see what insidious propaganda was undermining his 100 per cent Americanism.

He was reading a "Letter to the Editor of Pravda: On overburdening of pupils with homework—by I. Pozhuyun, teacher of English, Poshnya, Crimea . . . it is intolerable to compel a child to work at home more than three hours. . . ." etc, etc, etc.

Evidently here is one burning question that is the same in Russia as in the United States.

LOUIS JOHNSON BEARS WATCHING

Louis Johnson, new Secretary of Defense, has before him a wonderful opportunity. If he can iron out the overlapping, the waste, and the petty jealousies between the armed services and present the nation with a mighty, unified department of National Defense, he may well be the man will follow Mr. Truman in the White House.

The new Secretary has made an excellent beginning. He has moved to abolish useless boards and committees and has created the hope that our military establishment will become the smooth, efficient organization the country needs.

DEAR MATES
(Wall Street Journal)

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U.S. Treasury Department

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FOREST FIRE LEAFLET WITH LICENSE TAGS

Virginia motor vehicle operators have found included with their new license plates an appeal to prevent forest fires. These colored leaflets, which more than 1,000,000 license purchasers received were included with the tags as result of an arrangements made by the Virginia Forest Service.

State Forester George W. Dean states that some 2000 fires burn annually in Virginia due to human carelessness.

FOREST INCOME

An income approaching a dollar an acre per year has been received from the Gallion Forest, Prince Edward County, since placed under Virginia Forest Service management eight years ago.

ESSAY CONTEST ON SOIL CONSERVATION

Announcement of an essay contest designed to stimulate interest in soil saving has been made by officials of the National Grange.

World cattle numbers are estimated to be at record.

Almost One-Third Of All U.S. Women Drawing Pay Checks

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Almost one-third of all women of working age are drawing a pay envelope according to the women's bureau of the labor department.

A new handbook on Facts on Women Workers also disclosed that the place of one fifth of the country's married women appears to be outside the home.

"In sharp contrast to the popularly envisioned picture of the 'average' family, consisting of father, mother, and children, stands the fact that in 1946 over 6,500,000 families had a woman head," the 79-page compendium said.

Until 1900, women constituted less than 20 per cent of all workers in the labor force, according to the report, based on census figures. Less than 20 per cent of women worked for pay. But in 1947, latest year reported, women in the labor force numbered 16,323,000, constituted 27.6 per cent of all workers, and 29.8 per cent of all women of working age were drawing a pay envelope.

The bureau said it was seeking to promote a more realistic concept of the American family pattern.

Analyzing the economic responsibilities of women workers, the bureau estimated that 84 of every 100 working women do so to support themselves and others.

A section of the handbook on women's earnings showed that the 1946 median of all women working full-time was $1,671, and that only about one women in ten made as much as $2,500 annually.

State labor laws for women were analyzed, as was legislation affecting household employes. The political and civil status of women as of Jan. 1, 1948, with all principal legal sex distinctions is noted. The book concludes with a selected bibliography on American women and a list of national women's organizations.

ADVISES INSPECTION OF STORAGE BINS

Monthly inspection of all grain storage bins for insect damage, and prompt fumigation if insects are found, is a money-saving measure for all farmers, says J. O. Rowell, extension entomologist at VPI.

Rowell points out that much of the estimated national annual loss of 300 million bushels of stored grain can be prevented by sound insect-control measures.

Grain stored in southern states, he says, is always more heavily infested and damaged than that stored in northern states, because of moisture and emperature; and unless this year's southern crop is fumigated, it stands a poor chance of being of any value next spring.

Attlee blames world split on the Russians.

Appomattox is a growing town.

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Tito indicates Yugo-Slavia may trade with Western Powers.

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ill Drinkard is a patien: in the burg General Hospital.

ord, April 11.- Mr. and Mrs. Passink and son, Paul, have ned to Portsmouth after visitrelatives here.

seph Wharton, of Norfolk, vishere during the past week-

r. and Mrs. O. L. Martin visitin Appomattox Sunday.

. H. W. Crank and daughter, Ann, of Tampa, Florida, are ing some time with her parr. and Mrs. H. B. Scruggs.

. and Mrs. Richard Harvey, daughter are visiting Mr. and W. A. Drinkard.

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mplin, April 9.- Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman, of Pennsylvania visiends and relatives here, en to Florida.

and Mrs. W. M. Almond and Mrs. R. C. Wilkerson, of were recent guests of Mr. Mrs. W. S. Cumby.

Della Hughes has returned Baltimore, after visiting her s. Mrs. Raidie Hughes.

and Mrs. Wallace Baldwin, ownville are guests of Mr. and P. Baldwin.

and Mrs. H. H. Peters and ildren, of Sandston are the his week-end of Mr. and B. Williams.

ED TREATMENT SMALL GRAINS

nother warning against Victorlight, an oat disease which has the oat-growing states the ing seasons, has been given R. Fenne, plant disease specVPI.

guard against the blight, and small grain diseases, he adtreating all seeds with Ceresbefore planting. Seed treatin addition to helping control, also are effective st loose and covered smuts, will reduce losses from root

blight is especially destructo all those varieties of oats originated from Victoria

ed Sea Serpent Finally tified as Elephant Seal

NTEREY, CALIF.—Bobo the serpent, which frightened many ey bay fishermen by surfside small boats, has ed out to be an elephant seal. dification was made by at- of Hopkins marine station, the "serpent" 17½ feet long, washed up on the beach near Seal. The cause of death was apparent.

ists said elephant seals, ing a small trunk, have up to eight inches long and frequently coated with barnce they were fairly common northern California waters.

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Methodists Organize Rural Life Committee

It is "back to the farm" for Virginia Methodism like that, for at the beginning of the current church year the Virginia Annual Conference of the Methodist Church established for the first time in its history a separate office for its Commission on Town and Country Work, with a full-time executive secretary. (In Methodist terminology "town and country" is synonymous with "rural" and refers to communities of less than 10,000 population).

This step was taken because the members of the ruling body of the Methodist Church in Virginia felt that the opportunities of the church in the rural areas to serve its own and the nation's needs had gone neglected, and that the importance of rural life to the welfare of the United States had gone virtually unrecognized.

Statistics have convinced the Methodists that urban churches draw their strength from rural churches, for the overwhelming majority of the members of a typical city Methodist Church first became members of a rural congregation.

Furthermore, according to statistics compiled from the reports of all Annual Conferences in America, the Methodist Church is sixty-five per cent rural in its membership.

The Methodist movement for the quadrennium 1948-1952 called the Advance for Christ and His Church, has challenged the church to enlarge its ministry in the important area designated rural.

Deserters from Chinese Army enter Burma.

U. S. seeking to keep Iran from Russian influence.

Tuesday was the deadline for town candidates to file.

New Polish rift seen in dissent of trade chief.

Houre committee votes more for defense than Truman asks.

Gromyko charges West is seeking bases in North Africa.

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Barter Theatre: "Dear Ruth" at A. H. S., April 29.

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